CURRENT COMMENT.

THE Comissioner of Patents has decided that abandoned applications for patents are not public property and can not be examined by patent attor-

A DECREE winding up the Wabash receivership of General John McNulta was entered by consent of all creditors and other interested parties by Judge Gresham at Chicago on the 18th.

THE French Minister of War proposes to double the army corps at Nancy and to double the railway facilities from Lille, Lyons and Besancon to the German frontier, so that 30,000 troops can reach there in three days.

THE Cabinet meeting of the 15th was devoted almost exclusively to the discussion of trade relations with Mexico and the retaliatory policy as reported by Minister Ryan. It was said the Cabinet approved of Secretary Windom's proposed decision on lead ore.

A RECENT statement issued by the Treasury Department gives the value of articles of breadstuffs exported during September at \$9,874,788, a decrease of nearly \$3,000,000 as compared with September 1888. For nine months, however, the increase is nearly \$7,000,000.

THE Austro-Hungarian Cabinet cris's is ended and Von Tisza's Cabinet will continue in office. Harmony has been restored through the concessions of Emperor Francis Joseph, who has agreed to the designations "Imperial Austrian Army" and "Royal Hungarian Army."

JOHN DOUGHERTY was married to the daughter of a well-to-do mechanic of Harlem, N. Y., the other day, having been taken from prison to the bride's home for the performance of the ceremony. Five minutes later he was sentenced to Sing Sing for two years for burglary.

CONSUL GADE, of Christiana, Norway, reports to the State Department that there is likely to be an increased emigration of Mormons from Norway to the United States during the coming year. The Mormons have nine stations and a large number of workers in Norway, and since 1852 have sent 5,000 Norwegians to Utah.

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GOVERNMENT officers have seized the distillery of Freiburg & Werkum, at Lynchburg, O., on a charge of defrauding the United States by equalizing shortages in packages before the gauger measured the contents. This, it is claimed, saved to them the payment of much Government tax and being a violation of revenue laws subjected the entire property to seizure. The whisky seized amounted to more than a million gallons.

THERE are a great many fires in the marshes and prairies in the vicinity of Faribault, Minn. Fox lake, which is now a grass-grown marsh, is on fire and the peaty bottom is burning down to the clay. The burning tract com-prises about one hundred acres. Fires also have been burning near Mud lake, and have burned holes in the peat five feet deep. Other fires are also burning near Faribault in marshes, woods, etc., causing great loss.

THE will of Mary J. Havemeyer, the widow of William Havemeyer, the millionaire sugar refiner, was filed for probate at New York recently. The entire estate is divided among five children. The sixth, Mrs. Agnes Josephine Burnham, is exempt from division because "she is happily married and her position guarantees her all needed comfort and support." She is, however, permitted to select two pieces of her mother's jewelry as a token of affection.

WITH a view to checking the frequent desertions from the army, paragraph 908 of the regulations governing enlistment, has been amended so that recruits shall be detained six days after signing the declaration of intention to enlist. They will during that time be instructed in their new duties, and if at the end of that period they desire to enlist they will be sworn in, but if they should change their minds or any good objection be raised then they will be permitted to depart.

AT the recent session of the National Board of Trade at Louisville, Ky., resolutions were passed opposing any modification of the Inter-State Commerce law, especially of the clause prohibiting pooling, and favoring National supervision of insurance and uniformity of insurance legislation, a reduction of Federal revenues in the way which will least embarrass industries and trade, Congress to consider plans for irrigation and reciprocity trade relations with Canada. There was energetic discussion, but on final vote very little opposition to these resolutions.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL ITALY desires a protectorate over Abys-

AT the Interior Department it is thought that 20,000 Indians will be entitled to vote at the next Presidential election as a result of recent legislation. Politicians con sider them a very uncertain factor.

GILBERT L LAWS has been nominated by the Republicans to succeed the late Mr. Laird, Congressman from the Second Nebraska district.
THE new British Minister, accompanied

by Lady Pauncefote, arrived at Washingon on the 15th. THE President has signified his inten

tion to be present at the laying of the corner stone of the new Catholic University at Brooks Station, Md. SIR DANIEL GOOCH, the noted British civil engineer, died in London recently

aged seventy-four.

THE Republican caucus at Pierre, S. D.,

selected Frank Pettigrew, of Sioux Falls, and Judge G. C. Moody, of Deadwood, for United States Senators.
Congressman Newton A. Nutting died

at his home in Oswego, N. Y., on the 15th. Ex-Governor E. A. Perry, of Florida, died recently in Texas.

THE Loyal Legion met at Philadelphia on the 16th, when ex-President Hayes was re-elected Commander-in-Chief. It is believed that the African explorer

Monk has been killed by his men on the ELBERT E. KIMBALL, United States District Attorney, died at Kansas City, Mo.

on the 16th of congestive chills. THE death of General John F. Hartranft makes a vacancy in the Cherokee Commission, and nothing more can be done now toward securing the Cherokee Strip in the Indian Territory for settlement un-til the vacancy is filled.

GERMANY has publicly announced her refusal to recognize Mataafa as King of

OLIVER C. BOSBYSHELL has been ap pointed superintendent of the mint at

Philadelphia.

SENATORS Moody and Pettigrew have been formally declared elected by the South Dakota Legislature.

Amos J. Cummings, the well-known cor respondent and member of the editorial staff of the New York Sun, has been nominated by Tammany to fill the vacancy in the Ninth district caused by the death of "Sanset" Cox.

THE President has appointed Richard E. Sloan, of Arizona, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

It is announced that Mr. Glad-tone will

deliver an address at Manchester on De-cember 3. It is expected that he will issue a manifesto on the political si uation in the United Kingdom.

GENERAL HARTRANFI, ex-Governor of Pennsylvania, died at Norristown on the from a combination of kidney

REAR ADMIRAL WALKER expects to sail with his squadron some time in November. He will proceed first to Lisbon and

PRINCE FERDINAND, of Bulgaria, it was reported, traveled strictly incognita dur-ing his recent visit to the Paris Exposition, fearing that attempts would be made on his life.

MAGGIE MITCHELL, the actress, has n ried ber manager, Charles Abbott.

MISCELLANEOUS. CAMDEN, O., was badly damaged by fire

THE Mission creek country in Minne-sota was ravaged by fires. Much lumber

was burned. G. B. SQUIRES, of Brooklyn, N. Y., special agent of the General Land-office, has been dismissed. Squires was formerly

private secretary to Pension Commis THE International Maritime conference met at Washington on the 16th. The del-

egates were cordially welcomed by Sec-An explosion occurred in a Staffordshire (England) colliery on the 15th. Seventy-five miners were entombed. The first searching parties found sixty dead

THE State of Kansas has been awarded a gold medal for the best agricultural re-port, also a silver medal for its labor re-"Honorable mention" was awarded to the Conway Springs and Douglass

Sugar Companies. WILLIAM DRAPER and John Olsen were hanged at Piacerville, Cal., on the 16th for the murder of John Lowell on his ranch March, 1888. John Myers was hanged last November for the same crime. his two accomplices escaping for a time

by taking an appeal. THE accident on the Mount Auburn inclined plane at Cincinnati was caused by a little piece of iron which got wedged in the cut-off valve.

FEARS are expressed that the tour of the Pan-American delegates has been over-done, many of them being positively weary of the rushing from town to tow

and the endless sight-seeing.

A Boston dispatch says the entire plant of the Brush Electric Company has been sold to the Thomson-Houston Electric Company for a cash consideration of \$8,-250,000.

THE reported railroad collision in Colorado between Burlington and Union Pacific passenger trains was found to be

THE Long Hoi or Red river of China has been opened to commerce.

In the railway station at Brussels, Bel-gium, the other day, a passenger train dashed into buffers at full speed, wrecking several carriages and injuring thirty

THE Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers met at Denver, Col., on the 16th. By a collision between a car left on the track at Heath, Ind., and a freight train the other morning many cars were wrecked, one man was killed and several

THREE cases of small-pox were reported in Boston recently, the first in over a

THE Missouri Pacific road announthat it will quote established rates be-tween Chicago and Kansas City in conection with the Illinois Central and Vandalia. This opens another line between Chicago and Kansas City, making eight

THE Atlas line steamship Athon, which

THE Atlas line steamship Athos, which has reached New York after a terrible voyage, reports that Hippolyte, of Hayti, was busy preparing for his election.

THE people of Indianapolis are refusing to pay for rides on the street cars which have dropped the conductors and put back the old box system.

THE North Alabama Lumber Company at Bridgenort Alabama acceptance.

at Bridgeport, Ala., has made an assign-ment. Liabilities, \$120,000; assets

ment. Liabilities scheduled, \$140,000. News has reached Constanti News has reached Constantinople that Turkish soldiers have mutinied at Caues, tadly beating many of their officers, who endeavored to discipline them.

SOCIALISTS decorated the graves of the Anarchists in Waldhelm cometery, Chi-

cago, on the 17th.
Two ladies of Frankfort, Ind., were struck by a train at a crossing the other

day and fatally injured.
THE five Apache Indians who were tried and convicted at Florence, Ariz, for mur-der have been sentenced to be hanged. Three were charged with the murder of Dield two years ago and two with the murder of Jones.

ONE man was killed and three fatally injured by the fall of a scaffolding at the new water works at Bethlehem, Pa., re-

EX-MAYOR LEWIS, of New Haven, Conn., proposes as a World's Fair feature to recognize the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by lighting great bonfires simultaneously on the hilltops all over the country.

HENRY WIGFALL, a barber of Atlanta.

died soon after in great agony from THE factory and stock of the Pine Door Lumber Company of Grant's Pass, Ore,

was destroyed by fire the other night. The loss was \$57,030. The marine conference at Washington s devoted to the discussion of technical

matters. WASHINGTON is beginning to boom its

World's Fair project.
THE American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in session in New York elected officers as follows: President. R. S. Storrs, D. D.: vice-president, E. W. Latchford; recording secretary, Henry A. Stimson; assistant recording secretary, E. N. Packard; treasurer, Langdon S. Ward.

At the meeting of the railway brake men in Minneapolis Hon. L. S. Coffin, of Iowa, advised them to urge Congress to take action in the matter of safety appli-

JOSEPH PAUL, a Chicago boy, met an awful death recently. He was caught between an immense flywheel and the belting.

It is estimated that 26,000,000 persons will have visited the Paris Exposition when it closes. John Lewis, Jerome Race and Thoma

Cooney, three youths of eighteen, were insuantly killed on the Hudson River track near Hudson, N. Y., recently. They stepped from one track to another a train when a locomotive struck them. THE Emperor of China has authorized

the building of a railroad between Pekin and Hankow.
The cotton oil trust has filed application

to increase its capital stock to \$2) 000,000 and form a corporation, thus avoiding the legal penalties to which it was liable in iew York. CHILI has abolished many import duties

on tools and material used in agriculture and the building of railroads, etc. ONE of the scrub women at the Hamburg (Germany) zoological gardens was killed recently by a jaguar which man-

aged to seize her through the bars of his SECRETARY WINDOW has announced that he will retain the old rules governing the importation of Mexican lead ores.

Business failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended October 17 numbered 223, compared with 224 the corresponding week of last year. The figures include

MUCH destitution is reported among the foreign laborers at Lynch's canning works, Kent County, Md. The manager had departed leaving the men with checks which the stores refused to honor.

An immense prairie fire was reporte raging a few miles from Bismarck, N. D., 18th. The village of Monokin was entirely swept away.

THE inquiry at the Jefferson barracks,

St Louis, has ended. The depositions make 300 pages.
At Millsport, Lamar County, Ala., a

tew days ago, William Abercrombie, white, of Birmingham, Ala., held up the express agent and secured \$6,000, received by him that night. THE Western whisky trust is said to be scheming to break up the outside distli-

leries. Half a million dollars will be

spent if necessary. ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES. GREEN B. RAUM has been appointed

Commissioner of Pensions.
The King of Portugal who had previously been reported dead on a false telegram, died at Lisbon on the 19th. His t son, the Duke ceeds him as Carlos L

By the burning of a stove at Lemons Belgium, recently the proprietor and three assistants were burned to death. THE Servian Skutschins opened on the

GOVERNOR FORAKER, of Ohio, who had been extremely sick, was reported on the fair way to recovery on the 20th. The village of Curtiss, on the Wisconsin

Central railroad, north of Marshfield, Wis, was destroyed by fire recently. Loss. \$100 000 THE London Stock Exchange was de-pressed during the week ended October 19. The Continental bourses were re-

ported quiet with an upward tendency at Berlin. A CREDITOR of Belford, Clarke & Co. the publishers, whose failure occurred re-

creditors of their readiness to pay all claims in full. Naples was partially inundated on the

20th. Violent storms were reported a that city and other parts of Italy. WHILE Prince William, of Wurtemberg, was driving to church at Ludwigsburg on the 20th, he was fired upon by a man named Klaiber, who upon being arrested ex-claimed: "It is high time Wurtemburg had a Catholic King." The Prince was not hurt. The would-be assassin was supposed

o be deranged. THE Republicans of Mississippi have withdrawn their State ticket and issued a protest to the Nation saying that free speech and a free ballot in Mississippi are mpossible.

A CONSTRUCTION train on the Confluence and Oakland branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was wrecked near Pittsburgh, Pa., recently. Two men were killed and a large number badly injured. A NEW oil territory has been developed at Mannington, W. Va. The well is doing

sixty barrels an hour. The well is owned by the Standard Oil Company. BARBITT, the millionaire soap maker, died at New York on the 20th, aged eighty. THE Russian revenue last year was 34 - 000,000 roubles more than the expendit-

switch in the Choctaw Nation, in a coal pit recently. Sixteen men were in the mine at the time, four of whom were fatally burned.

A cow caused a bad wreck on the Northern Pacific, forty-seven miles from Port-and, Ore., recently. James Nolan was fatally injured; the engineer, H. Jones,

COURT ONUMA. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan, was slightly wounded the other day by a would-be assassin. The latter committed sulcide.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

PHIL HERON was shot dead at No the other morning by Willie Rhodes. They were friends and the killing oc-curred while both were intoxicated. Heron was running a restaurant and whisky joint. Rhodes is highly connect-ed and had a bright future until strong drink got the better of him. Rhodes waived preliminary examination and was

held for trial. WHEN William Stanley, a North Topeka groceryman, went to his store the other morning he found but little left except the building and empty shelves. When he went away from his store the evening previous he left it well filled with a complete stock of groceries, but during the night burglars had visited it and nothing was left but empty shelves, barrels and bins. Flour, meat, lobacco, cigars, sugar, coffee, potatoes-every thing worth having-bad been carted away.

On September 16 Thomas A. Giblin, examiner and general agent of Lockwood Mortgage Company of Wellington, left his bome in Pratt on a trip in the interest of his company, since which time nothing has been heard from him, either by his family or company. Facts have since come to light showing him to be a decome to light showing him to be a de-faulter to the company to the amount of

about \$4,000. THE other day Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ridenour, of Fort Scott, celebrated their golden wedding. They have forty living grandchildren and nine great-grand-

children. THE jewelry store of C. I. Viets, at Au-

gusta, was completely cleaned out by burglars the other night. AT an early hour the other morning the Lawrence water works engine bouse was damaged to the extent of \$4,000 by fire. The fire was caused by spontaneous com-

Annie Grines, the daughter of a prominant Douglas County farmer, recently eloped with James Wilson, the hired man of her father.

THE first convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Kansas was held in Topeka in 1882 with only thirty-seven delegates present. On the 17th of the onth the annual convention of Y. M. C. A. was again held at Topeka with over eight bundred delegates present. The convention was a very interesting one and the following officers were elected: President, Manford Schoon over, Garnett; first vice-president, W. H. Howell, Baker University; second vice-president, B. Hobbs, Kanses City, Kan; secretary, W. W. Bowman, Concordia; assistant secretary, S. W. Naylor, Washourn College; assistant press secretary, A. L. Ackley, State University.

Max, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Speriff Thomas B. Bowling, of Wyandotte County, recently eloped with Oilie G. Cannon, a street car conductor, aged twenty-one years. Telegrams were sent in all directions for the arrest of the elopers, but they had got the start and were married at Carthage, Il.

A. H. BENEDICT, an old gentleman of

ighty-five years, residing five miles northeast of Lawrence, was thrown from his wagon the other evening and injured so seriously that he died the following

THE State Board of Railroad Commissioners recently made an inspection of the Southern Kansas division of the Santa Fe road from Holliday to Winfield and notified the officers of the company that the track from Holliday to Ottawa was in a very unsatisfactory condition, and at other points the rails were badly worn.

At the recent biennial session of the Grand Legion Select Knights A. O. U. W., held at Emporia, the following officers were chosen: Grand commander, T. A. Alden, of Atchison; grand vice-com-mander, J. A. Regnell, McPherson; grand lieutenant-commander, S. D. Hallowell, Wichita; grand recorder, E. M. Ford, Emporia; grand treasurer, A. J. Huntoon, Topeka; grand standard bearer, R. P. Ray, Topeka; grand senior workman, C. W. Green, Topeka; grand junior workman, Ed. Russell, Lawrence; grand guard, J. P. Duncan, Ioia; grand medical

examiner, J. B. Hibben, Topeka. A RECENT letter received at Topeka from Washington stated that General A B. Campbell, of Topeka, has been assured of an appointment as Consul at Melbourne Australia.

Information recently received at Tothe effect that the State of Kanses had been awarded a gold medal for the best agricultural report exhibited.

ROBERT HENDERSON, the colored boy who shot and killed his step-father at Leavenworth last spring while the latter was abusing his wife (young Henderson's mother) was recently tried and acquitted. THE Parkinson Sugar Company, of Fort Scitt, has just closed a most successful season in spite of the delays incident to the wet weather in the spring. The product of marketable sugar will be about 5'0,000 pounds. The run on the 18th was 13 000 rounds from cane that was planted

SIX THOUSAND Southern sheep were It is stated that the most successful grade of molasses has been that of the

sugar making this year with the highest Wenita Sugar Company, at Conway Springs. In addition to fifty barrels of sugar per day, a car load of sirup per day was turned off, every drop of which for the entire season has been contracted at more than twenty cents per gallon. THE will of the late Bishop Vail con-

tained the following bequests: College of the Sisters of Bethany \$1,000 to be invested by the trustees and held as a scholarship to aid the education and support of a clergy man's daughter, to be named by the Bishop of the diocese and to be known as "Bishop Vail scholarship in aid of a poor clergyman's daughter;" Christ's Hospital \$1,000; College of the Sisters of Bethany \$1,000, to be known as the Montgomery H. Clarkson scholar-hip in aid of a poor clergyman's daughter. Bishop Vail's extensive library is given to the chapter of Grace Cathedral, excepting fifty volumes to Rev. John Bakewell. The library is to be placed in a suitable room or rooms and held for the future benefit of the diocese of Kansas or any future diccese which shall include the city of Topeka. There are ten minor bequests to members of the

FORT Scorr is exceedingly happy ove the prospect of becoming the center of the Gould roads in Southern Kansas.

SAMUEL GILPIN, a resident of Lincoln County, was recently shot six times through the body, two shots going through the lungs, by a man named Woody. Gil-pin had illegally sold Oklahoma land to

Foody. FROM January 1, 1889, to September 30, 1889, Kansas built within her borders 534 iles of railroad under the managemen of four companies.

THE sheriff of Shawnee County recently took eleven prisoners to the penitentiary, all in one batch. Their terms of service ranged from fifteen months to fifteen

THE COMING CONGRESS.

The Tariff, Civil-Service, Trusts and Res Questions Will Occupy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.-As member slect to the Fifty-first Congress reach the city gossip respecting the organization of the next House of Representatives natu-rally increases. The consensus of opinion smong nembers-elect now here indicates that the Speakership will go either to Maine, Mr. Reed, or Ohio, Mr. McKinley. Mesars. Burrows, of Michigan, and Cannon, of lilinois, are both on the ground however, and it is said will at least make the contest interesting before balloting begins. At this time it would be a very difficult undertaking to pick out the

stronger candidate.
Mejor John Carson, of the Philadelphia Ledger, appears to have already practi-cally captured the clerkship of the next House. In his modest way he has been working all summer, and it is claimed by his friends that he has pledges sufficient to elect on the first ballot.

Colonel Swords appears to have no rival for the position of sergeant-at-arms, while there are several candidates for the offices of doorkeeper and postmaster.

There are not many Senators and Representatives in Washington now, but most of those here expect a very interest-ing and busy session of Congress during the coming winter. The tariff, trusts, the Civil-Service law, the Inter-State Commerce law, the educational question, a National election law and subsidies will be among the subject: that will engage the attention of Congress. What are recognized as the great questions of the day will for the most part be presented as party measures and are likely to render the coming session a very reportant one. Benator Dolph thinks Congress will take

no step backward in the matter of legislation of Inter-State Commerce or Civil-Service reform. Both the Inter-State Commerce law and the Civil-Service law, he thinks, will probably be amended, but not so to destroy their efficiency. Wherver amendments are made to either will defer the purpose of eradicating defects disclosed by experience and to make them more effective. The race question, he says, will undoubtedly be discussed in connection with the contested election cases and independently of them. It is a live question and will not down at any bidding. He feels confident that the tariff will be revised and the source of the revenue diminished. Some measures not very dissimilar to the Senate bill will be passed. It is possible, he thinks, that some bill upon the subject of trusts will be passed, but the subject must be dealt with in the main by the States. The power of Congress over this subject is so limited as to render of little value any law which it may pass to prevent or control trusts in the State.

Congressman Brown, of Indiana, thinks a revision of the revenue system the most important question awaiting the action of Congress and favors the repeal of the tax on tobacco and on alcohol used in the arts and a reduction of the tax on sugar. Something will probably be done regarding the seal fisheries and also the Cana-dian fishery dispute. These questions, however, will not divide the parties. He has no doub; there will be some amendment to the Inter-State Commerce law and Congress will undoubtedly legislate on the subject of trusts, if it is possible to define a trust in such a way as not to interfere with legitimate business

Congressman Hitt, of Illinois, thinks it rather too early to make any predictions about what Congress will do at the coming session. No conference of even the most informal kind has yet been held, so that no means of judging what other members are considering is to be had. Then, shifting of opinion on many important points is so likely that a judgment now is not very ant to hold when actual voting on questions begins in February and March. Something in the way of amendatory legislation to the Inter State Commerce law may be expected. As to the Civil-Service law, too many Congressmen of both parties are pledged to its support to allow its repeal. The subject of trusts will probably be involved in the discussion of the tariff. which will of course come up next session.

BRIDGES AND STREAMS.

The Way Proceedings May Be Taken Against Bridges That Obstruct Navigo

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 -Secretary Proc tor has prepared a circular of instructions respecting the practice to be followed in cases where bridges over navigable streams are said to be obstructions to commerce. When such complaint or charge is made, the chief of engineers shall refer it to the engineer officer in charge of the district in which the alleged obstruction is located. He shall make an examination to determine whether or not the bridge is an obstruction, and ses whether or not it can be removed. In determining this the person or cor-poration controlling the bridge shall be given an opportunity to appear before the officer. The latter shall report to the chief of eng neers, who shall lay the report before the Secretary of War. The Secre-tary upon this report may order a board of officers to examine the bridge, the same routine to be followed by it as by the single officer. When this report reaches the Secretary he may hear interested parties upon the matter, granting continuances from time to time as may by prop-er, so that the question shall be thoroughly discussed and presented before a decision is reached.

Hopeful Barbour. WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.-Senator Barbour, of Virginia, under whose auspices the Democratic canvass in the old commonwealth is being conducted, stated that the Democrats were well satisfied with the hostile attitude of Mr. Langston toward General Mahone might operate consider-ably to Mahone's disadvantage; that Mahone was counting on the negroes voting the Republican ticket regardless of their feeling toward him personally and of the manner in which he might treat them. Mahone might make a miscalculation in this regard and the negroes simply bleed him and Mr. Quay.

May Stay In.

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Ring of Portugal Dead. LISBOX, Oct. 21.—The King of Portugal. rho was ill for some time, died yesterday The Duke of Bragauzz eldest son of the King, who succeeds to the throne, will assume the title of Carlos L

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

as of the Inter-State Commi Answered By the Kansas Railroad

TOPEKA Kan., Oct. 12.—The following letter written by the Board of R. ilroad Commissioners to the statistican of the Inter-S: ate Commerce Commission, will be interesting reading to those whose tasiness brings them in contact with railroad companies, showing, as it does, the views of the Kansas board:

Henry C. Adams, Esq., Statistician Inter-State Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.: TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. IT, 1889—Dear SST: Your-letter of September 2 has been referred to the Board of Commissioners and I am directed to answer it as follows:

answer it as follows:

The judgment of the board is in accord with
the action of the general conference of the State
boards in providing for a practical uniformity
in computation of railway statistics in their several reports, not from any comity of official obligation, but believing it to be a co-operation both reasonable and profitable. Such uniformity, it is believed, would result in great convenience whenever comparison of conditions and results might be found desirable, or for those who might desire, or to charged with the duty of compiling a consolidated report of a portion, or of all the States, as it becomes your duty to do under the auspices of the Inter-State

Commerce Commission.

The board does not understand, however, what is meant by you in saying that "the most effective organization for statistical work is not attained when the State Comm ssions and the attained when the State Commission adopt ident-inter-State Commerce Commission adopt ident-ically the same schedules," when you have worked so streamously and successfully in bringing about this very identicalness, in form and classification of schedules, upon blanks of your own devising.

Answering your questions, as hereinafter reproduced, the board would say:
First—"How far is uniformity in the blank
form for annual reports of carriers to the State
Commissions and the Inter-State Commerce
Commission desirable?" To make comparison
of like facts and results collated by the several
hours available for result sufference commerce boards available for ready reference, compar-ison or consolidation in a report of the Inter-State Commission, uniformity should be abso-lute in both S are and Inter-State tabulation of all like facts. If co operation is desirable at all, as all bave at your instance acreed it was, then it must be in this absolute uniformity.

Second—Does the form furnished this year-

Second—"Does the form farnished this year by the Inter State Commerce Commission meet the requirements of your State? If not point-out the particulars in which it fails." Yes, the present form meets the requirements of our State and is substantially the same as hereto-

Third-"Does the law of your State interfere

Third—"Does the law of your State interfered in any way with the freedom of your investigations?" No. The law does not dictate nor limit the field of investigation. The board is left with full freedom and discretion.

Fourth—"Would you think it wise, for purposes of statistical inquiry, to separate roads into State roads and Inter-State roads." It might be serviceable and certainly interesting, to have some company divide its records, accounts and statistics into blocks, snowing each State as a unit in all respects, but this would State as a unit, in all respects, but this would be a severe exaction upon the companies which has thus far bees deemed by the board as cost-ing more than its value. If, however, the Inter-State Commerce Commission has the power and the disposition to enforce such a division the board would be pleased to accept reports from companies of this State made in compliance with such exaction.

"What questions of importance in railway economy suggest themselves to you as worth investigating?" The question of prime impor-tance is not so much a statistical showing of what we have as the practical application of common sense in correcting the abuses and healing the differences which have arisen in the relations of the people and the carrying corporatio s they have by law created to serve them. To find some common plane of interest and sympathy for public and corporate interand sympathy for public and corporate inter-ests, which are so closely nilled as to be prac-tically one, to travel upon. The board is con-strained to look upon the question as one of wise statemenship rather than of claborate statistics, and that its statistical work and claborations should begin and end with that which can be popularized, utilized, and made effective for immediate use and benefit of the unbits.

"In short, please give in your reply the result. of your thought and experience with regard to the bearing of statistics on the performance of the futies devolving upon railway commissions and of the proper adjustment of the relations between the State Commissions and the Inter-State Commerce Commission, so far as statistics are concerned." As to the final question, the board believes it to have been substantially answered in the preceding paragraphs. It concedes the propriety of a free interchange of opinions and observation be tween the several State boards and the Inter-State board, to the full extent of value in such advising relations. Also the uniform classification of all facts existing in common, to the end that the work of each may be made acible to and easily understood by all the

A BROKEN RAIL.

Secretary.

A Rather Bad Accident on the Santa Fe-Presence of Mind of the Conductor Saves the Train From Burning-The Injured.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Oct. 19 -As train No. 4, known as the "Cannon Bail," on the Banta Fe railroad, was nearing Howell, a. small station on the main line five miles east of Cimarran and twenty miles west of Dodge City, yesterday afternoon about one o'clock, a broken rail was encountered at a point where there is a fill about ten

The engine and tender and first express car passed over the break and remained on the track. The baggage car and two coaches were turned literally upside down. A sleeping car was turned over on its side, and a Puliman sleeper was thrown partly off the track. The last two Puliman cars

did not leave the track.
Conductor Thornburg, who lives at Newton, saved the train from the horror of a fire. He was standing in the second coach near the stove which was very hot, and was badly bruised by the fall. got up and discovering the coals falling out of the stove he bravely shut the door and held it with his right hand till the coals had all fallen into the other end of

the stove and all was safe. His hand and face was badly burned.

The passengers acted nobly and took several people from the second coach windows, Mrs. C. Dankle, of Lamar. Mo., an old lady, was very seriously jured internally and may yet die; Mr. E. B Alman, of Eigin, Ill, an old man, was also hadly hurt; Miss May Lapton, of Keokuk, Iowa, was hurt on the face and badly bruised about the body; B. Knapp, of Falls City, Neb., had his collar bone broken; D. H. McCreeth, of Lawrence, Kan., had his head, neck and chest injured and bruised. A score of others were

more or less severely hurt. A Nefarious Practice.

KANSAS CITY, Kan. Oct 19-The Packers' Union of this city is making a strong effort to put a stop to dealers ship-ping to the stock yards in cars overload-d and "mixed." It is a daily occurrence to see cars coming into the yards loaded with cattle and hogs in one car. Yesterday a car was unloaded and nine hogs were found dead that had been trampled to death by the cattle. The shippers, to save freight, load the car first with cattle and then drive in as many hogs under the cattle as space will allow. The hogs thus shipped are as a general thing bruised and totally unfit for food. The inspectors in the packing houses claim that the greater majority of second-class home. majority of second-class bones and shoulders are due to the "mixed" loads.